

**NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS**

2005 Federal Groundfish Management Measures that Affect Fishermen in Federal and State Waters off California

**FIXED GEAR****LIMITED ENTRY****January – April****Most Groundfish (exceptions) Fishing With Non-Trawl Gear  
Is Prohibited Within The Non-Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)<sup>6</sup>.*****Oregon border south to 40° 10' N latitude***

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	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR		JAN-FEB	MAR-APR
North of 40 10'			South of 40 10'		
Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months		1	Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish	40,000 lb/ 2 months
Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months		2	Splitnose	40,000 lb/ 2 months
Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months		3	Sablefish	
			4	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months
			5	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb
Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb/ 2 months		6	Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb / 2 months
Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months		7	Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months
Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month South of 42° N. lat., when fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to 1 lb (0.45 kg) of weight per line are not subject to the RCAs.		8	Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month When fishing for "other flatfish," vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to 1 lb (0.45 kg) of weight per line are not subject to the RCAs.
Arrowtooth flounder			9	Arrowtooth flounder	
Petrale sole			10	Petrale sole	
English sole			11	English sole	
Other flatfish <sup>1/</sup>			12	Other flatfish <sup>1/</sup>	
Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip		13	Whiting	10,000 lb/ trip
Minor shelf rockfish <sup>2/</sup> , Shortbelly, Widow, & Yellowtail rockfish	200 lb/ month		14	Minor shelf rockfish <sup>2/</sup> , Shortbelly, & Widow rockfish	
			15	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months
			16	South of 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months
					CLOSED

		17	Chilipepper rockfish	2,000 lb/ 2 months, this opportunity only available seaward of the nontrawl RCA		
Canary rockfish	CLOSED	18	Canary rockfish	CLOSED		
Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED	19	Yelloweye rockfish	CLOSED		
		20	Cowcod	CLOSED		
		21	Bocaccio			
		22	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	200 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	
		23	South of 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months		
Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	State Permit Required	24	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	State Permit Required		
	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>3/</sup>	25	Shallow nearshore	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	
		26	Deeper nearshore			
		27	40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	
		28	South of 34°27' N. lat.			
		29	California scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months	CLOSED	
Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>	CLOSED	30	Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>	CLOSED		
Other fish <sup>5/</sup> & Pacific cod	Not limited	31	Other fish <sup>5/</sup> & Cabezon	Not limited		

- 1/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.
- 2/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish North of 40 10' N Latitude. POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish and yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish South of 40 10' N Latitude.
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- 4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.
- 5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, rattfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling.  
Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish." See state regulations for permit requirements and trip limits.
- 6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at § 660.390.

**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**



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<b>Pacific ocean perch</b>	100 lb/ month		2	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	Per trip, no more than 25% of weight of the sablefish landed
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